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SUPPORT OF PALESTINIAN CIVIL POLICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

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1. (C) The UK will not announce new significant money for Palestinian rule-of-law programs at the June 24 Berlin Conference, but will describe what additional programs and plans it intends to further support using already pledged, but undisbursed, funds, the Foreign Office's Middle East Unit told us on June 13. The FCO welcomed the U.S. statement of support for the conference (ref) and said that it is delivering the same message, on the need for donors to fund rule-of-law programs from unallocated pledges and newly pledged moneys, to its EU partners.

2. (SBU) The UK delegation to the conference will be headed by Foreign Office Minister of State for the Middle East, Dr. Kim Howells MP, who will attend the dinner on June 23 and the opening session on June 24, but will have to leave mid-morning to return to London to attend a long-scheduled parliamentary session that same day on foreign policy questions. (Embassy note. Foreign Secretary Miliband cannot attend because he will be traveling in the Far East that week. End note) At this time, the Foreign Office has requests in to the Attorney General, Baroness Scotland, about joining the UK delegation as well as ministers in the Home Office.

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